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Council will provide and maintain libraries in Waipawa and Waipukurau for the communities of Central Hawke's Bay including a Digital Library to ensure the provision of library and digital services, social inclusion and the opportunity for lifelong learning in our community. The Libraries will endeavour to create vibrant, inclusive and accessible community spaces for all.

The Libraries have an essential role in the development and lifelong learning which incorporates providing support for education, economic and personal development. It does this by collecting, preserving and providing access to resources in a range of formats and by providing assistance and support to individuals to effectively access and use the library resources. Our goal is to empower individuals.

The Libraries will strive to provide a sense of community and resource sharing through connecting and engaging with the community and delivering leading edge information and communication technology. Libraries will provide excellent service to all customers through highly professional, skilled and knowledgeable staff. Council will ensure the provision of cost effective library services for the community.

Libraries provide access to information resources, lending materials and online services appropriate to the needs and interests of the community whilst providing a learning, recreational and safe social environment. Libraries enable our community to access printed and digital research to increase skills and knowledge. Libraries deliver internal and external programmes to encourage community participation.

Libraries should preserve our past and present for the future and foster cultural diversity. This includes the Oral Histories of our community available digitally on Kete our online knowledge basket. Libraries will promote knowledge of our past allowing research opportunities for those interested in our history. To do this, we will strive to maintain strong relations with the Taiwhenua, the Museum and Council Archives.